[Translation]

Jamalpur Locomotive Factory

*112. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA :
SHRI BRAHAMANAND MANDAL :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of items manufactured in the Jamalpur Locomotive factory in Bihar;

(b) whether the Government propose to start the manufacturing of coaches and wagons in the said factory;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the funds earmarked for development of above mentioned factory during the current financial year;

(e) whether there is any proposal to close down the said factory in future; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Jamalpur workshop is manufacturing 4 wheeler Tower Cars Whiting Jacks, BOX wagon bogies, Cranes of various capacities, Carriage and wagon spares, diesel loco spares and brake blocks. In addition, major activities include overhaul of Diesel locos and Cranes, and rebuilding and modifications in Wagons.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Rs. 3.42 Crores have been allocated for the following two works :

1. Development of traction generator and motor rewinding facilities (Rs. 0.57 Cr. against project cost of Rs. 3.34 Cr.)
2. Modernisation works for quality and productivity improvements (allocation of Rs. 2.85 Cr. against project cost of Rs. 9.63 Cr.).

(e) No Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Image of Indian Airlines

*113. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT :
SHRI PRADIP BHATTACHARYA :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the International Air Transport Association (IATA) has ranked Indian Airlines at number six on list of high risk airlines in terms of safety;

(b) if so, whether the goodwill and image of the Indian Airlines have been affected as a result thereof; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) International Air Transport Association (IATA) has denied having incorporated in its safety report the safety statistics related to safety performance of any specific airline including Indian Airlines.

(b) and (c). Do not arise

[English]

Setting up of Steel Plant at Vijayanagar (Karnataka)

*114. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the foundation stone was laid by the former Prime Minister about twenty years ago to set up a Steel Plant in Vijayanagar, Karnataka;

(b) if so, the reasons for not setting up such plant there;

(c) whether private companies have come forward to set up Steel Plant at Vijayanagar; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Steel plant could not be set up due to resource constraints.

(c) and (d). According to information furnished by the State Government of Karnataka, two private sector companies have proposed to set up two Steel plants in Torangallu area, the place identified for the Vijayanagar Steel Plant in Karnataka. The details are given below:

S. No.	Name of the Unit	Capacity (Million TPA)	Implementation Status
1.	Jindal Vijayanagar Steel Limited	1.65	Under implementation
2.	Mukand Vijayanagar Steel Limited.	1.6	Yet to start construction

Recommendation of Expert Committee on Export of Steel

*115. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA :
PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Expert Committee set up by the Government to study the status of Export of Iron and Steel has recommended any policy changes and measures to promote export of iron and steel;

(b) if so, the details thereof;